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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

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For: REAR-TYPE PROJECTOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 29, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 5, 23-26 are pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 24 contains allowable subject matter.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 5, 23, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,511,186 (Burstyn) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,575,581 (Turushima). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Office Action asserts that it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to combine the applied references Burstyn and Turushima to obtain the features of claim 5. Claim 5 recites a rear type projector comprising: (1) a laser beam source that outputs a laser beam that is modulated based on an image signal; (2) a scanning unit that